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SUBJECT: TALK WITH TIBETANS

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SEPTTEL INSTRUCTS YOU TO TELL DR. EUGENE KNEZ, SMITHSONIAN CURATOR OF ASIAN ETHNOLOGY, THAT HE SHOULD NOT MEET WITH THE DALAI LAMA DURING HIS VISIT TO INDIA. I THINK YOU SHOULD MAKE A POINT OF GOING OVER HIS PLANS WITH HIM TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T INADVERTENTLY MAKE ANY MISSTEPS. ALTHOUGH THE SMITHSONIAN LIKES TO WEAR ITS NON-GOVERNMENTAL HAT OVERSEAS, THE FACT IS THAT THE CONNECTION IS THERE, AND THEIR ACTIVITIES COULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD. IN ADDITION, YOU MAY RECALL KNEZ WAS INVOLVED WITH GABRICLE YABLONSKI, SO I THINK MORE RATHER THAN LESS BRIEFING ABOUT POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES IS CALLED FOR. THE ORIGINAL CABLE (REFTEL) WAS CLEARED IN THE DEPARTMENT BUT NOT BY INS OR THE PRC DESK. ROBINSON

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